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Foreword

The Committee on Lectures and Publications has the honor to present herewith the eighteenth number of the Society's *Year Book,* with which is combined the annual reports for the year 1940.

ELMER D. MERRILL, *Chairman.*

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May 5, 1941.

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Elected a trustee at the annual meeting, May 5, 1941.

Medals and Certificates Awarded in 1940

The Albert C. Burrage Gold Vase

Cherry Hill Nurseries, for a comprehensive exhibit of peonies, rhododendrons and azaleas at the June Show.

George Robert White Medal of Honor

Sir Arthur William Hill, director of the Royal Botanic Garden, Kew, England.

Thomas Roland Medal

George H. Pring, Missouri Botanical Garden, for his work in breeding and propagation of orchids and water lilies.

Jackson Dawson Memorial Medal

Guy G. Nearing, Ridgewood, N. J., for new varieties of rhododendrons.

H. H. Hunnewell Medal

Estate of Mr. and Mrs. Clement S. Houghton, Chestnut Hill.

President's Cup

Wm. T. Walke & Sons, Inc., for a group of amaryllis at the Spring Show.

Gold Medal of the Horticultural Society of New York

The Rose Garden, Massachusetts Garden Clubs Exhibition Committee, Mrs. William Stuart Forbes, designer, North Shore Garden Club, at the Spring Show.

Gold Medal of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

Mrs. Galen L. Stone, for a group of acacias at the Spring Show.

Trophy of the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture

Joseph Breck & Sons, for daffodil exhibits at the Spring Show.

Bronze Bulkley Medal of the Garden Club of America

New England Wild Flower Preservation Society, Inc., and Will C. Curtis, for a nature trail at the Spring Show.

Gold Medal of the American Rock Garden Society

Ormond Hamilton, for a rock garden at the Spring Show.

Trophy of the Popularity Contest

Harlan P. Kelsey, Inc., for a bog garden at the Spring Show.

Camellia Picture

G. P. Gardner, Jr., for a display of camellias.

Crystal Bowl

Rocco Zeparo, for *Camellia Chandleri elegans,* best bloom in the show.

Crystal Vases

A. Frylink & Sons, Inc., for Daffodil Daisy Schaeffer, best bloom in the show.

Mrs. R. M. Saltonstall, for Tulip Jessey, best bloom in the show.

Large Gold Medals

Dr. William A. Dayton, senior forest ecologist, Division of Range Research, United States Forest Service.

F. A. Bartlett, Stamford, Conn., for his scientific work in the study of tree diseases.

A. T. De La Mare, publisher of *The Florist's Exchange,* for his papers and books on commercial horticulture and floriculture.

Arthur Herrington, manager of the New York Flower Show, dean of flower show managers in this country.

Gold Medals

Stuart Bastow, Jr., for a display of tuberous-rooted begonia seedlings.

Bay State Nurseries, Inc., for an outdoor living room and foundation planting at the Spring Show.

Borst & Fraser, for an English manor house garden at the Spring Show.

Joseph Breck & Sons, for a display of daffodils at the Spring Show.

Mrs. Frederick F. Brewster, for a bulb border at the Spring Show.

Butterworth's, for a section of a tropical orchid lover's slat house with orchids and accessory plants arranged for effect at the Spring Show.

Cape Cod Horticultural Society, Inc., for a Spring garden at the Spring Show.

Cherry Hill Nurseries, for an azalea, kalmia and rhododendron hillside at the Spring Show.

Cherry Hill Nurseries, for a comprehensive exhibit of peonies, rhododendrons and azaleas.

William N. Craig, for a collection of rock and alpine plants including bulbous material at the Spring Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Crowninshield, for a chrysanthemum garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Crowninshield, for a Spring garden at the Spring Show.

The Downs' Estate, for a group of cymbidiums at the Spring Show.

Sherman W. Eddy, for a planting around an old mill at the Spring Show.

Fisher Museum, Harvard Forest, for forest dioramas.

Gardner Museum, for a group of flowering plants at the Spring Show.

Ormond Hamilton, for a rock garden at the Spring Show.

Alexander I. Heimlich, for a rock garden at the Spring Show.

Harlan P. Kelsey, Inc., for a bog garden at the Spring Show.

Massachusetts State College and the Waltham Field Station, for a display of vegetables.

New England Wild Flower Preservation Society, Inc., and Will C. Curtis, for a nature trail at the Spring Show.

Edward F. Norberg, Jr., for a group of hydrangeas at the Spring Show.

Mrs. Abbot Peterson, Brookline, for a porch overlooking a garden.
A. N. Pierson, Inc., for a display of roses at the Spring Show.
The Rose Garden, Massachusetts Garden Clubs Exhibition Committee, Mrs. William Stuart Forbes, designer, North Shore Garden Club, at the Spring Show.
Mrs. Galen L. Stone, for a group of acacias at the Spring Show.
Mrs. H. M. Tilford, winner of the most points at the Autumn Show in New York.
United States Cut Flower Company, for a display of roses at the Spring Show.
Wm. T. Walke & Sons, Inc., for a group of amaryllis at the Spring Show.
Edwin S. Webster, for a bulb border at the Spring Show.
Edwin S. Webster, for a group of orchids.
Edwin S. Webster, for a group of orchids at the Spring Show.
"The Weeders" (at Philadelphia), for treatment of garden steps.
Weston Nurseries, Inc., for a garden with a Summer house at the Spring Show.

Silver Medals

Dr. Thomas Barbour, for a display of vegetables.
George P. Barr, for a display of carnations at the Spring Show.
Ernest Borowski, for a group of Dexter's hybrid rhododendrons.
Mrs. E. D. Brandegee, for a group of chrysanthemums.
Joseph Breck & Sons, for general excellence of trade booth at the Spring Show.
Mrs. Frederick F. Brewster, for a group of calceolarias at the Spring Show.
Mrs. Frederick F. Brewster, for a group of cinerarias at the Spring Show.
Butterworth's, for a group of orchids.
F. I. Carter & Sons, for a group of cacti and succulents at the Spring Show.
Champlain View Gardens, for a display of gladiolus—the most meritorious exhibit in the New England Gladiolus Society's Exhibition.
Cherry Hill Nurseries, for a collection of seedling peonies.
Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, for an educational exhibit of Japanese beetle control, chinch bugs and ants.
Mrs. Preston E. Corey, for Iris President Pilkington, the finest stalk in the Show.
Will C. Curtis, for a quintet of carniverous plants at the Spring Show.
The Downs' Estate, for a group of botanical orchids at the Spring Show.
The Downs' Estate, for a group of twelve orchid plants at the Spring Show.
Ellery Nurseries, for a bulb border at the Spring Show.
Mrs. Homer Gage, for an iris garden.
Gardner Museum, for a group of chrysanthemums.
Great Elm Nursery, for a collection of clematis.
Harvard University Botanic Garden, for a collection of sempervivums.
Alexander I. Heimlich, for a bulb border at the Spring Show.

Jamaica Plain High School, for an educational exhibit of the various aspects of trees and tree work at the Spring Show.
Professor H. B. Kane, for a collection of nature photographs.
Littlefield-Wyman Nurseries, for an outdoor living room at the Spring Show.
Lohrman Seed Company, for general excellence of trade booth at the Spring Show.
New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, for a display of seedling apples and grapes.
Thomas Roland, Inc., for a group of cypripediums at the Spring Show.
Gustave Schneekloth, for Dahlia Dr. Harvey Cushing—best vase of seedlings of New England origin at the exhibition of the Dahlia Society of New England.
Edwin S. Webster, for a group of chrysanthemums.
Edwin S. Webster, for a group of orchids.
Vaughan's Seed Store, for general excellence of trade booth at the Spring Show.
Wilfrid Wheeler, for a collection of ilex species.

Bronze Medals

Carbone, Inc., for general excellence of trade booth at the Spring Show.
The Conard-Pyle Company, for general excellence of trade booth at the Spring Show.
J. F. Cummings, for a roadside stand.
Duncan Finlayson, for *Buddleia asiatica* and *Buddleia* Eva Dudley.
Mrs. Emma Bailey Fraser, for a collection of flower paintings.
Countess Guardabassi, for a display of sweet peas.
Miss Cerell E. Hequembourg, for a trundle trellis planted with *Clematis henryi* at the Spring Show.
Longfield's Lantern Shop, for general excellence of trade booth at the Spring Show.
Runkle School, for a model of a Cape Cod cottage, rose garden and beach at the Spring Show.
Sim Carnation Co., Inc., for a display of carnations at the Spring Show.
Mrs. Edwin S. Webster, for second highest number of points in Iris Show.
Wendell W. Wyman, for a display of gladiolus.

Bronze Medals for Children's Gardens, Donated by Miss Marian Roby Case, Hillcrest Gardens, Weston, Mass.

Raymond Collins, Westford
George and Philip Comley, Lexington
Edward W. Cummings, South Boston
Olga Freeman, Roslindale
Charles Fuller, Cataumet
Alice Grillo, Westport
R. Graham Handy, Cataumet
Eleanor and Norma Hansen, North Granby
Bartlett Humphreys, Vineyard Haven
Merritt Jenkins, Ashfield
Roger Jette, Dodgeville
Donald Lindsay, Brockton

Helen Lindsay, Richmond
Angelo and Anthony Marino, Wakefield
Horace N. Milliken, Hyde Park
Montgomery Brothers, South Weymouth
Carl Nickerson, South Dennis
Albert Paulson, Maynard
Kenneth O. Pitman, Hyde Park
Geraldine Ramsdell, Brockton
Albert Rondeau, North Adams
Joseph Ryan, West Roxbury
Lawrence and Helen Santalucito, Waltham
Wilfred Schobel, Rehoboth
Elizabeth Stacishin, Boston
Ernest B. Stewart, Hyde Park
Roger Tiffany, Wilbraham
Christine Vaterian, South Weymouth
Dumont Vivier, Shelburne
Basil Walsh, Brockton

First Class Certificates

Brassocattleya Albion var. Ina Claire, exhibited by Edwin S. Webster.
Brassocattleya Hartland, exhibited by Edwin S. Webster.
Cymbidium Edith var. Rosy Glow, exhibited by Butterworth's.
Miltonia bleuana aurea, exhibited by Edwin S. Webster.
Raspberry Indian Summer, exhibited by the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station.

Awards of Merit

Aster Survivor, exhibited by the Waltham Field Station.
Azalea Jane Abbott, exhibited by Weston Nurseries, Inc.
Brassocattleya Alabaster, exhibited by Edwin S. Webster.
Brassocattleya Haine Hunter, exhibited by Edwin S. Webster.
Carnation Vivid, exhibited by C. B. Johnson.
Carnation White Beauty, exhibited by C. B. Johnson.
Carnation Winchester, exhibited by C. B. Johnson.
Cattleya Prince Edward, exhibited by Edwin S. Webster.
Cymbidium Alexanderi, exhibited by The Downs' Estate.
Cymbidium Erica Sander, exhibited by The Downs' Estate.
Cypripedium Diana Broughton, exhibited by Edwin S. Webster.
Delphinium Sir Galahad, exhibited by L. G. Bruggemann.
Dendrobium Gatton Sunray, exhibited by Edwin S. Webster.
Gladiolus Surprise, exhibited by L. P. Benedict.
Gladiolus White Gold, exhibited by George H. Scheer.
Miltonia solfatari, exhibited by Edwin S. Webster.
Phalenopsis Psyche, exhibited by Edwin S. Webster.

Votes of Commendation

Chrysanthemum Europa, exhibited by V. R. DePetris.
Chrysanthemum Golden Splendor, exhibited by V. R. DePetris.
Chrysanthemum Saratoga, exhibited by V. R. DePetris.
Helonias bullata, exhibited by Harlan P. Kelsey, Inc.
Rosa hugonis alba, exhibited by the Great Elm Nursery.

Cultural Certificates

Peter Arnott, for *Cypripedium Boltoni.*
Peter Arnott, for watsonia hybrids.

G. S. Bradley, for *Oncidium altissimum.*
J. W. & S. R. Cummings, for Carnation Giant Peter Fisher.
S. J. Goddard, for Carnation Hermosa.
C. B. Johnson, for Carnation Vivid.
Francis Lazenby, for a collection of sempervivums.
Littlefield-Wyman Nurseries, Inc., for Carnation Tallulah Bankhead.
Andrew Madden for *Chrysanthemum* Anna.
Andrew Madden for *Chrysanthemum* Jane Harte.
Edward F. Norberg, Jr., for a group of hydrangeas.
George Palmer, for pansies.
Thomas Roland, Inc., for a group of cypripediums.
Professor A. P. Saunders, for a display of seedling peonies.
Sim Carnation Co., Inc. for Carnation Snow White.
Strout's, Inc., for Carnation Washburn Red.
John Sullivan, for Begonia Exquisite.
John Sullivan, for *Chrysanthemum* Topknot.
Louis Vasseur, for Lily Vilmogleam.
Oren Whitney, for Carnation Charm.

Votes of Thanks

Michael Baccari, for seedless Miracle Grapes.
Harold T. Bent, for a group of lachenalia.
W. Dexter Brownell, Jr., for a display of seedling roses.
L. G. Bruggemann, for a vase of Russell Lupine.
Mrs. Jere Coleman, for a display of honey.
J. F. Cummings, for radishes.
J. W. & S. R. Cummings, for Carnation Venus.
Miss Elizabeth Dahl, for Dahl Seedling Grape.
C. U. Liggitt, Inc., for *Chrysanthemum* Midseason Red.
C. U. Liggitt, Inc., for *Chrysanthemum* Mrs. Wendell Willkie.
Massachusetts Department of Conservation, Division of Forestry, H. B. Ramsey, state superintendent of moths, for an educational exhibit of forest, shade tree and garden insects.
Mrs. Robert McCaull, for vases of asters.
Mrs. Robert McCaull, for a vase of marigolds.
Mrs. R. Boyer Miller, for a basket of pompon dahlias.
Mrs. R. Boyer Miller, for radishes.
New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, for Buffalo Grape.
Sim Carnation Co., Inc., for a display of carnations.
Wm. T. Walke & Sons, Inc., for *Eucharis amazonica.*
Mrs. Geoffrey G. Whitney, for an ornamental pot of *Narcissus minimus* and *Arenaria balearica.*
Wendell W. Wyman, for seedling gladiolus.

Honorable Mention

Arrangement for Christmas dinner table, exhibited by the Boxford Garden Club.

Christmas decoration not mentioned in schedule, exhibited by the West Newbury Garden Club.

Vase of snapdragons, exhibited by M. H. Nielsen.

Wreath suitable for Christmas, constructed of natural plant material, exhibited by the Great Barrington Garden Club.

Scrolls

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through Department of Public Works, for the roadside planning and planting on Routes 9 and 20.

City of Boston, through Park Department, for the planting and care of the Public Garden.

Town of Winchester, for its well-kept parks and highways.

City of Everett, for the landscaping and planting around the Parlin School on Broadway.

Porch for which Mrs. Abbot Peterson was awarded a Gold Medal in 1940.

Special Medal Awards in 1940

Sir Arthur William Hill

Sir Arthur William Hill, awarded the George Robert White Medal in 1940, has been director of Kew Gardens since 1922 and has done much to influence horticulture in Great Britain.

Sir Arthur is a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George, a Companion of St. Michael and St. George, a Fellow of the Linnean Society, a member of the Royal Society of New Zealand. He was educated at King's College, Cambridge. He was

Sir Arthur William Hill

Awarded the George Robert White Medal of Honor in 1940.

a university lecturer in Botany from 1905 to 1907. He became a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, in 1901 and dean in 1907. His travels have taken him to Iceland, South America, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Java, Malaya, Ceylon and many other places. He has published several botanical papers in scientific journals and a Memoir of Canon H. N. Ellacombe. Sir Arthur, widely known as Captain Hill, has been president of the Kew Guild. He has received the Victoria Medal of Horticulture.

MR. GEORGE H. PRING
Awarded the
Thomas Roland Medal
in 1940.

MR. G. G. NEARING
Awarded the
Jackson Dawson Memorial Medal
in 1940.

Mr. William A. Dayton
Awarded the
Society's Gold Medal
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Mr. F. A. Bartlett
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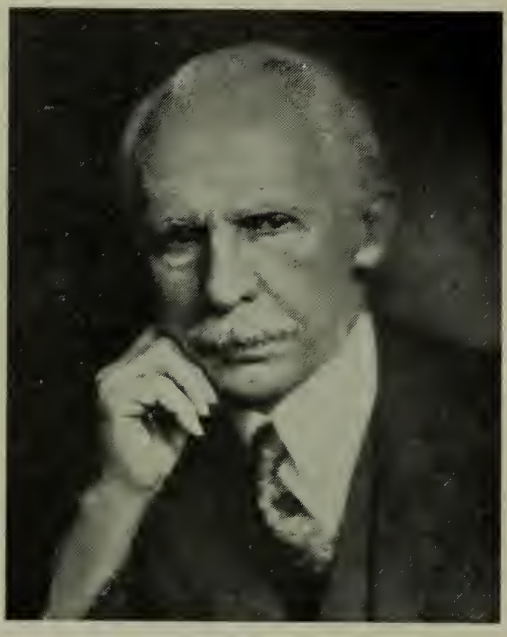
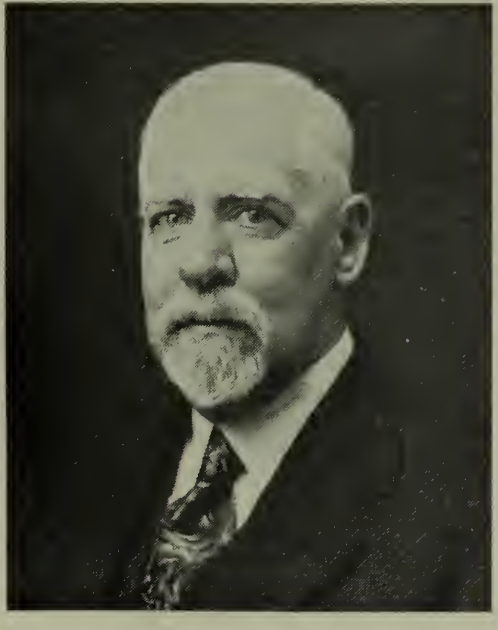


Mr. A. T. De La Mare
Awarded the
Society's Gold Medal
in 1940.



Mr. Arthur Herrington
Awarded the
Society's Gold Medal
in 1940.

Mr. George H. Pring

Mr. George H. Pring, awarded the Thomas Roland Medal for skill in horticulture, is one of the leading horticulturists of the Middle West. Mr. Pring went to the Missouri Botanical Garden about 35 years ago. The authorities under whom he had trained at Kew Gardens in England sent him to America with strong praise for his skill as an orchid grower. Yet even at that time he had an understanding enthusiasm for the culture of aquatic plants. These two specialties, in addition to unusual competence in general horticulture, have been responsible for much of the high reputation which his institution holds among gardeners nationally.

Starting as head of the tropical greenhouses, Mr. Pring has come to be in charge of all horticultural undertakings at the in-town portion of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Aside from his service to his institution, Mr. Pring has been effectively active civically. He has been president of the St. Louis Horticultural Society. The St. Louis Flower Show counts him among its hard-working directors. As a popular lecturer, he is well known as an able exponent of gardening from the point of view of human interest.

Among his water lily introductions are Mrs. Edward Whitaker, Mrs. George H. Pring, St. Louis, Director George T. Moore and Judge Hitchcock.

Mr. G. G. Nearing

Mr. G. G. Nearing of Ridgewood, N. J., who was awarded the Jackson Dawson Memorial medal in 1940 for his work with woody plants, particularly rhododendrons, has been very modest in his claims and it is only in late years that the importance of his work has come to be realized. He has been working under many difficulties but has maintained a choice collection of species and crosses and has carried on breeding work by the most improved methods.

Mr. Nearing was born in Morris Run, Pa., January 22, 1890. He was educated at the University of Pennsylvania, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1911. He has given much attention to botany as well as to the hybridization of woody plants and is now writing a handbook on lichens. He has been in the nursery business since 1924.

Mr. William A. Dayton

Mr. William A. Dayton of the United States Department of Agriculture, awarded a gold medal in 1940, has devoted himself particularly to forestry work, although interested in many other subjects, being a member of the Botanical Society of America and various other botanical societies, the Ecological Society of America, The Wild Life Society, and the American Nature Association. He became president of the Society of American Foresters in 1940 and is vice-president of the Washington Academy of Sciences.

Mr. Dayton was born in New York, September 14, 1885, and was graduated from Williams College in 1905. He has been connected with the United States Forest Service since 1910 as plant ecologist and senior forest ecologist. He organized range forage investigations in 1911, and has been acting dendrologist since 1927. He is a member of the American Forest Tree Name Committee and was appointed in 1938 to represent the United States Department of Agriculture on the editorial committee of "Standardized Plant Names." He is the author of a great many publications as well as magazine articles, a list of which may be obtained from the Library of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

Mr. F. A. Bartlett

Mr. F. A. Bartlett of Stamford, Conn., awarded the Society's gold medal, is widely known for his scientific work in the study of tree diseases. He is a native New Englander, born in Belchertown, Mass., in 1882. He was graduated from what is now the Massachusetts State College in 1905 and in 1909 began laying the foundation of the F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company. The Bartlett School of Tree Surgery was founded in 1923 and is still training dendricians. Mr. Bartlett was one of the founders of the National Shade Tree Conference and established the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratory in 1927, gathering together a staff of entomological, physiological and pathological workers under the direction of Dr. E. P. Felt, one-time state entomologist of New York.

The past 30 years have witnessed a remarkable advance in the care of shade and orchard trees. The crude methods of the olden days have given way to modern operations involving the use of costly power sprayers, electric drills, applications of materials to prevent rather than control the ravages of insect and fungus invaders. Mr. Bartlett has been and continues to be an active and inspiring leader in all of this work.

Mr. A. T. De La Mare

Mr. Alpheus T. De La Mare, awarded the Society's gold medal, is one of the country's outstanding figures in the field of trade publications and has done much for the advancement of horticulture in the United States through his publication, *The Florist's Exchange.*

Mr. De La Mare has had an interesting career. He arrived in this country in a small sailing vessel from Gaspé, Canada, where he was born in 1853. At the age of nine he embarked on a small sailing ship bound for the Island of Jersey, where he attended school for one year. Then he studied for four years on the Island of Guernsey, after which he went to New York, this being in 1868. After learning the printing trade with several New York printers, this son of an Episcopal clergyman set up in business as a printer in 1881.

Rapid steps in the progress of Mr. De La Mare's business were the founding in 1888 of *The Florist's Exchange,* the incorporation in 1891 of the A. T. De La Mare Printing and Publishing Company and the publishing of outstanding horticultural books, including in 1917 the well-known "Garden Guide." To date, he has published more than 50 valuable books and at the age of 88 he continues to be absorbed in his work, assisted by his son.

Mr. De La Mare's influence on the horticultural trends of this country has been greater than is easily measured and his friends, in and out of the trade, are not limited by the boundaries of one continent.

Mr. Arthur Herrington

Mr. Arthur Herrington, awarded the Society's gold medal, has distinguished himself as the manager of the New York flower show over a long period. Dean of flower show managers in this country, Mr. Herrington has been a source of inspiration and courage to hundreds of young gardeners and commercial florists.

After spending two years of initial training under his gardener father, Mr. Herrington worked up through four years in the extensive gardens of a large private estate to a position in the Gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society at Chiswick in England. There, in this London suburban garden, four years of intensive training were spent under the then superintendent, Mr. Archibald F. Barron, father of the late Leonard Barron of American gardening fame.

From Chiswick Mr. Herrington advanced to a position of

assistant to Mr. William Robinson who was starting to lay out his famous estate, "Gravetye," in Sussex. This was in 1887.

Later, Mr. Herrington joined the staff of *The Garden,* reporting flower shows and meetings, and also visiting many gardens on private estates and writing articles concerning them.

It was about this time that he was invited to come to America, and as a result of this visit remained to become superintendent of the H. McK. Twombly estate in New Jersey, taking up his duties there on January 1, 1896. Among other important gardening activities at the Twombly estate, Mr. Herrington's interest in chrysanthemums came to the fore, culminating in a book on chrysanthemum culture which has gone through several editions. He also served as a ranking officer in the Chrysanthemum Society of America.

After all of this experience, Mr. Herrington established his own business as a landscape architect and garden lecturer in 1910. In 1915 he took on the regular task of managing the International Flower Show, and in 1934 he was elected secretary of that show as well.

Albert C. Burrage Gold Vase Awards

The Albert C. Burrage Gold Vase is awarded each year by the Trustees at a meeting in December for the most outstanding exhibit in any of the shows of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society held during that year. According to the Rule Book of the Society, "outstanding" is interpreted as meaning, "the most conspicuous or spectacular exhibit which combines quality of material with an artistic arrangement."

The gold vase was made available by a gift to the Society by Mr. Burrage of $20,000, the income to be used exclusively for this purpose. The size of the vase, which is a craftsman's piece and hand-made, varies somewhat with the value of the gold. Although it was given by Mr. Burrage in 1930, the original vase was awarded under the name of the "Massachusetts Horticultural Society's Gold Cup" to Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Burrage for a tropical garden at the Centennial Exhibition in 1929. The subsequent awards have been as follows:

1930 Mr. Albert C. Burrage, for a group of orchids at the Spring Show.
1931 Bobbink & Atkins, for an exhibit of roses at the Spring Show.
1932 Mrs. Albert C. Burrage, for an exhibit of orchids at the Spring Show.
1933 Mr. Ralph Hancock, for a rock garden at the Spring Show.
1934 The Gardner Museum, for a modernistic arrangement of chrysanthemums at the Autumn Show.

The Albert C. Burrage Gold Vase.

1935 Mr. Jere A. Downs, for the Cymbidium Beatrice at the Spring Show.

1936 Mrs. Frederick F. Brewster, for a tulip garden at the Spring Show.

1937 Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Crowninshield, for a chrysanthemum garden at the Autumn Show.

1938 Mr. and Mrs. Ben: Perley Poore Moseley, for an azalea garden at the Spring Show.

1939 Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Webster, for a chrysanthemum garden at the Autumn Show.

1940 Cherry Hill Nurseries, for an exhibit at the June Show combining peonies, rhododendrons and azaleas.

The 1940 exhibit of the Cherry Hill Nurseries, awarded the Albert C. Burrage Gold Vase.

A copy, very much reduced in size, of the scroll awarded to the City of Boston in 1940. The other scrolls awarded at the same time were similar in design.

Garden Committee Awards

The Committee on Gardens appointed to act in 1940 recommended only one medal award. That was the award of the H. H. Hunnewell Medal to Mr. and Mrs. Clement S. Houghton for their charming estate in Chestnut Hill. This estate is famous for its rock gardens as well as for its rhododendrons, azaleas and its wild flower plantings. It is one of the most notable estates in many ways in Massachusetts, as was attested by the Committee in making this award.

The Committee then departed from its usual custom and voted to recommend that the Trustees create a new form of award—a scroll to be given to communities, schools, institutions or commercial establishments which may have used planting material so as to enhance the beauty of their surroundings and to encourage similar activities. It was specifically recommended that scrolls

Rock plants on the grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Clement S. Houghton, who were awarded the H. H. Hunnewell Medal in 1940.

be presented to the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the City of Everett, and the Town of Winchester.

The following wording was adopted for these scrolls:

City of Boston Scroll

Presented to the City of Boston
by the
Massachusetts Horticultural Society

For the wisdom shown by the City's duly constituted authorities more than a century ago in approving and encouraging the undertaking to set apart land as a Public Garden;

By later acquiring the Public Garden for the City, to make it the keystone connecting the Common and the old city with Commonwealth Avenue and the new city;

By maintaining its design and planting in conformity with its original purpose;

By the wise judgment with which alterations have been made without injury but rather to enhance the Garden's charm;

By continued capable maintenance, which has ever increased the beauty of the trees, shrubs and flowers to the end of extending their use to the pleasure of the citizens;

By all of which means the amenities and good name of the City of Boston have been nourished.

The Parlin School, for which the City of Everett was awarded an ornamental scroll in 1940.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Scroll

Presented to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
by the
Massachusetts Horticultural Society

In Recognition of public service by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth in the design and planting on the Worcester Turnpike in the Town of Northborough;

For the sagacious relation of intersecting highways and their junctures with a steep hillside;

For straightforward simplicity of mass form well suited to modern conditions and for observation from rapidly moving vehicles;

For freedom from intricacy and pretentiousness in the selection and planting of indigenous groundcovers on the hillside;

By which means public highways are made both useful and sightly.

The presentation to the City of Boston took place at City Hall, Mr. Edwin S. Webster, president of the Society, making a brief speech as he handed the scroll to the mayor of the city, Maurice J. Tobin. The mayor accepted the scroll in a few well-chosen words and then handed it to Mr. William T. Long, commissioner of parks, saying that it should be displayed on the walls of the Park Department office.

The presentation of the scroll to the Town of Winchester took place at a formal gathering in Winchester, the presentation speech being made by Mr. William Ellery, a vice-president of this Society.

City of Everett Scroll

Presented to the City of Everett
by the
Massachusetts Horticultural Society

In Recognition of the skillful planning and planting of the grounds of the Albert N. Parlin Junior High School under the direction of the City's duly authorized officials. This fine work justifies the present widespread movement for the improvement of school grounds, in confidence that a goodly environment, with trees and shrubs well used, will promote the growth of character and civic pride in our youth.

In Recognition, also, of the fact that what has been done by the City of Everett at the Albert N. Parlin Junior High School may be expected to stimulate emulation by those in charge of school grounds elsewhere.

Town of Winchester Scroll

Presented to the Town of Winchester
by the
Massachusetts Horticultural Society

In Recognition of the excellent judgment and rare good taste made manifest by the Town's officials in the planning and planting of its public parks and in the beautification of its highways.

In Recognition, also, of the intelligent use of trees, shrubs and other suitable material on the part of the Town's home owners in such a way as to harmonize with the efforts of those in authority to make Winchester what it has in fact become, outstanding among the Commonwealth's many beautiful communities.

The Centennial Medal, bearing the seal of the Society.

Medals of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society

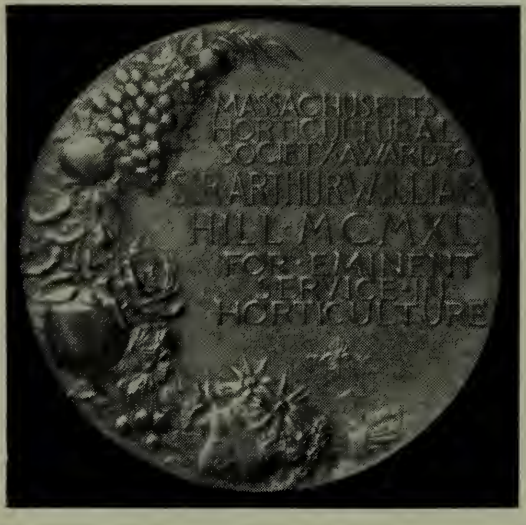
The Society's Large Gold Medal—This medal was designed by Francis N. Mitchell, apparently in 1847, as the records show that a bill was rendered as of January 14, 1848, in the amount of $250. A replica in bronze was given to each member of the committee on medals, consisting of Messrs. Newhall, Stickney, Teshemacher, Hovey, Walker, and the president, Marshall P. Wilder. At present, the large gold medal costs about $75.

The Society's Exhibition Medal—This medal is a reproduction of the large gold medal on a smaller scale. It was authorized at a meeting of the Executive Committee in 1923, at which time the secretary was instructed to obtain dies for this medal. The dies were made at a cost of $325 by the Medallic Art Company, New York City. The small gold medal costs about $50 at the present time.

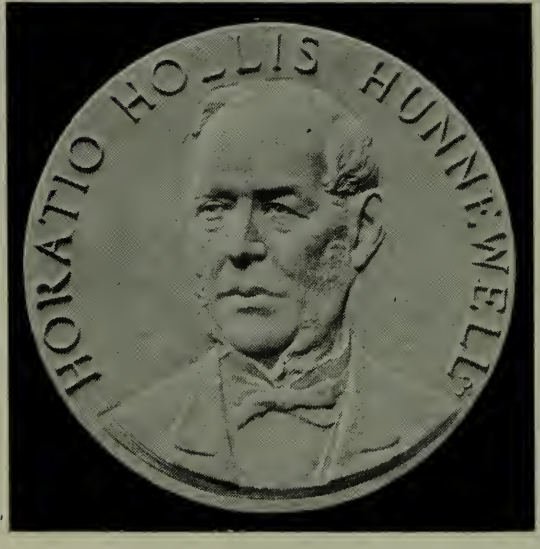
The Society's Silver Medal—This medal is a replica in silver of the Society's large gold medal.

The Society's Bronze Medal—This is a bronze replica of the Society's large gold medal.

The George Robert White Medal of Honor.



Reverse of the George Robert White Medal of Honor.



The Horatio Hollis Hunnewell Medal bearing the portrait of the late Mr. Hunnewell.

The George Robert White Medal of Honor—This medal is considered the most important horticultural award in America. It was made possible through a gift of $7500 by the late George Robert White and a subsequent gift of $2500 by his sister, Mrs. Harriet J. Bradbury. The medal was designed by John Flanagan and made by the Medallic Art Company. A new die is made each year with the name of the recipient molded into it. This medal costs, at the present time, about $450. It is awarded by the Board of Trustees of the Society to "the man or woman, commercial firm or institution, in the United States, or of some other country that has done the most in recent years to advance the interest in horticulture in its broadest sense."

Appleton Medal—This is one of the Society's earliest medals, but its use was discontinued by vote of the Trustees in 1924. It carries the likeness of Samuel Appleton and was designed by Francis N. Mitchell, whose bill, dated August 5, 1848, was for $125. The original vote called for a Lowell Medal of the same size and value as the Appleton Medal and in October 7, 1848, the Medal Committee reported that the dies for the Appleton and the Society's medals had been completed but that action on the third medal, presumably the Lowell Medal, had been deferred. No further mention is made in the records of a Lowell Medal, although something is said about Lowell Plate, which may have been substituted. However, no further mention of this plate can be found and no such plate seems to be in existence.

Centennial Medal—This was a special medal of which only 100 were awarded. It was given out only at the time of the Centennial Year of the Society in 1929. This medal was designed by John Paramino, who used the Society's seal as a basis and surrounded it with a border, afterwards adding a base. Mr. Paramino was paid $300 and the dies were made by Whitehead & Hogue for $244.

Jackson Dawson Memorial Medal—This medal was made possible through a fund raised by the Horticultural Club of Boston, of which Mr. Dawson was long a member. It bears Mr. Dawson's portrait and was made by the Robbins Company of Attleboro at a cost of $250. The first medal was struck in 1927. The present cost of this medal is about $95. This medal is made from the income of a fund now totalling $3227. This fund may be used for prizes, lectures and medals, or as the Trustees may

The Society's Medal, which is reproduced in gold, silver and bronze.

The Thomas Roland Medal, awarded for skill in horticulture.

Jackson Dawson Memorial Medal, bearing the late Mr. Dawson's portrait.

direct, to encourage the science and practice of hybridization and the propagation of hardy woody plants.

Thomas Roland Medal—This medal was designed by Mrs. Oakes Ames and made by the Gorham Company in 1927. The first medal and case cost $177.50 and were presented to Mr. Roland at a meeting of the Trustees on March 29, 1927. Its face bears appropriately the representation of a cypripedium orchid, Mr. Roland having been particularly fond of cypripediums. The cost of this medal was shared by various friends with a small appropriation from the Society. The present fund is $3000, the income being used for medals to be awarded to men and women who have shown exceptional skill in horticulture, and for lectures. The present cost of each medal is about $80.

Hunnewell Medal—This medal was designed by John Paramino and bears the head of the late H. Hollis Hunnewell, for many years an officer and benefactor of this Society. The first medal was given to the Hunnewell family. The original cost of this medal, including design and dies, was $550. This medal costs at the present time $100 and it is paid for from a fund of $2000 established by Mr. Hunnewell in 1864 for prizes to be awarded "to the owners of estates of not less than three acres in extent who shall lay out and plant them with the most rare and desirable ornamental trees and shrubs, in the most tasteful and effective manner, developing the capabilities of the locations in the highest degree, and presenting the most successful examples of science, skill, and taste, as applied to the embellishment of a country residence; the trees to be under the most thorough cultivation, the grounds in high keeping, and the prizes to apply equally in cases where proprietors take professional advice, as well as when acting on their own judgment in their improvements."

The estate of Mr. and Mrs. Clement S. Houghton of Chestnut Hill, awarded the H. H. Hunnewell Medal, is widely known for its rock gardens and its natural plantings. Mrs. Houghton is a past president of the American Rock Garden Society.

Exhibits

at the

Spring Flower Show

in 1941

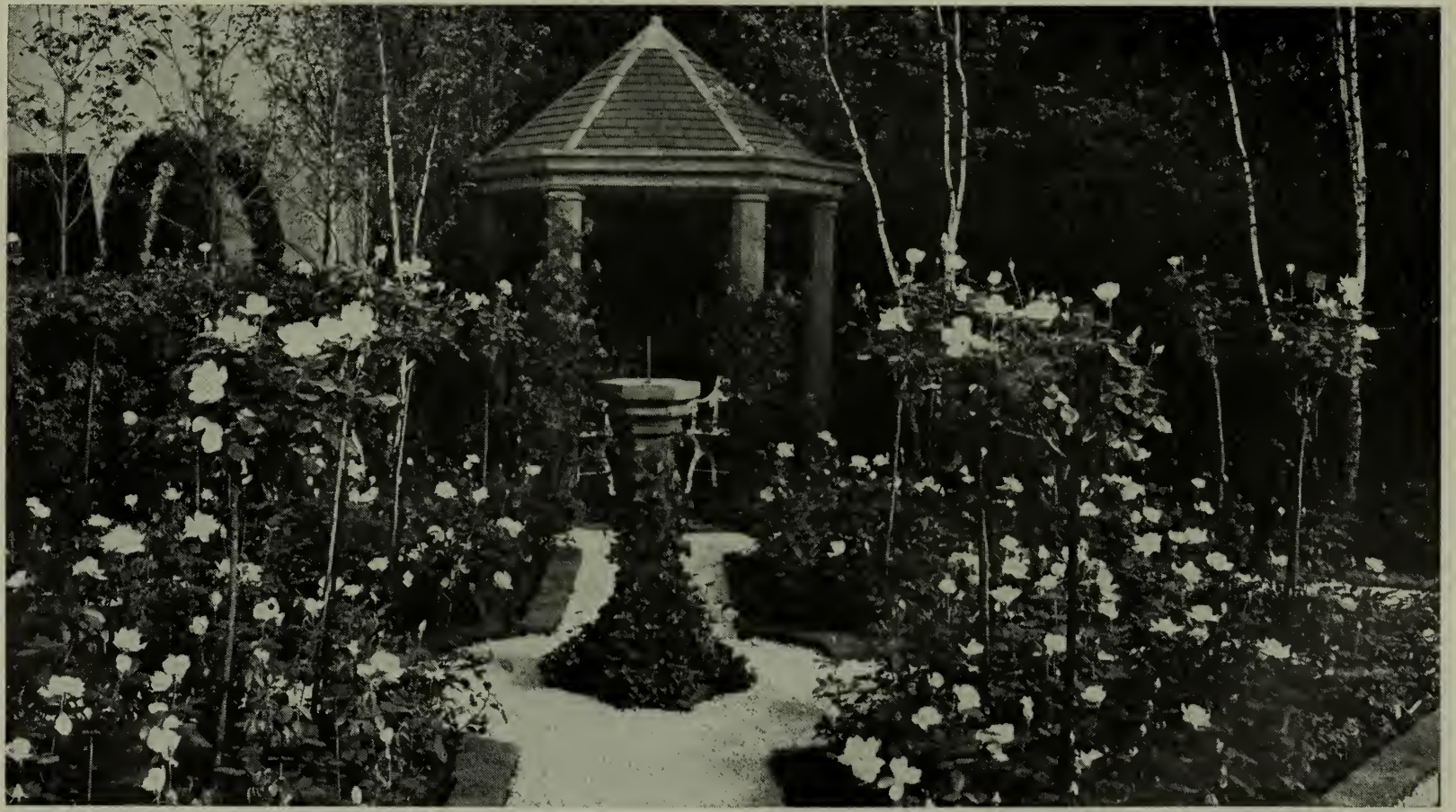
A section of the rose garden set up by Bobbink & Atkins.

Mrs. Galen Stone's acacia exhibit on the stage.

The naturalistic garden of Harlan P. Kelsey, Inc.

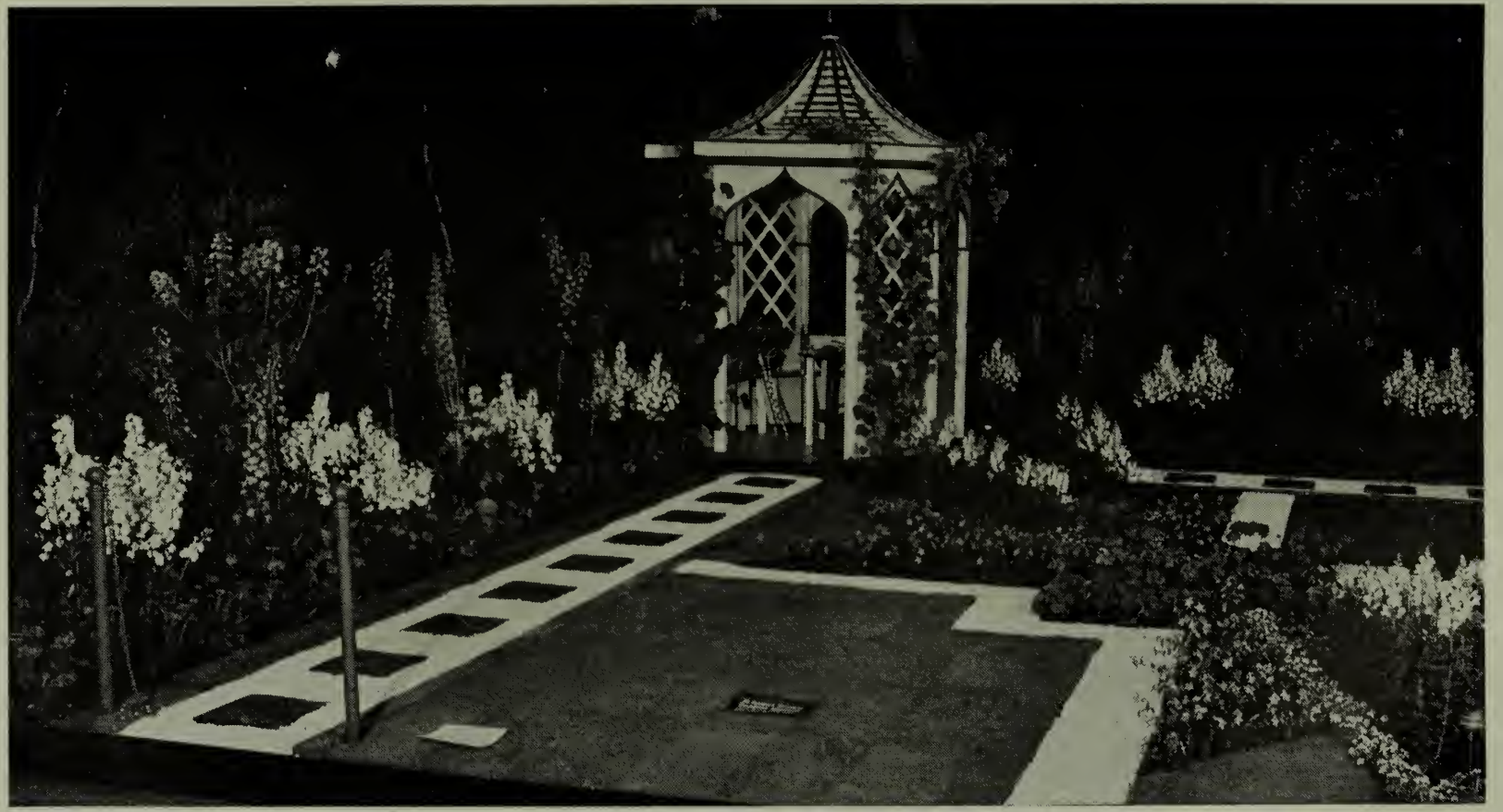
Exhibit of the Cape Cod Horticultural Society, showing a garden entrance.

Exhibit of the Cherry Hill Nurseries, Inc., featuring rhododendrons and azaleas.



Rose Garden of Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Crowninshield, awarded the President's Cup.

The Spring garden of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Webster.



The unique red, white and blue garden of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

Outdoor living room set up by Borst & Fraser.

Garden in the modern manner staged by the Bay State Nurseries, Inc.

Garden of the Weston Nurseries, Inc., featuring the new azalea, Jane Abbott.

Exhibit of new Dexter hybrid rhododendrons set up by Ernest Borowski.

Horticultural Society Dinner in 1832

The Library of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society has acquired a copy of the *Boston Courier* of Monday, October 3, 1832, in which a long article is printed about a dinner sponsored by the Society. A part of the report appearing in the *Boston Courier* follows:

On Wednesday the tables of the Society at Concert Hall made a show little less tempting than the most favored seasons. The grapes were excellent. These are comparatively a new cultivation, and they are already profitable to the gardener. Many are raised in the city, where a rod of ground and a wall, are sufficient to produce a hundred pounds. We are told of a gentleman with a small garden, who without devoting half his ground to grapes, raised last year enough to bring $800 at the current prices, though none was sold. The supply is not a tenth of the demand, and the cultivation of them, with other fruits, offers a sure way by which a small farmer may put in his pocket a few hundred dollars yearly—provided he is willing. The Catawba and Isabella, though inferior to the Black Hamburgh, and Sweet Water, are more hardy and generally speaking they are certain to produce largely.

The Horticultural Society has done much to spread a taste and knowledge of gardening, and its usefulness is but just begun. Were its labors to stop with the establishment of Mount Auburn, it would be deserving of all that its friends could say in its praise.

There is hardly an occasion, in this land of celebrations, in which three dollars may be better invested in an anniversary dinner than at the Horticultural. Men do not sit down to carve the joints as though they were cutting up political opponents, as they are wont to do at political feasts: nor is the excitement of passion added to the stimulus of wine. But at this festival of the gardeners, men leave their party animosities with their hats and canes at the door, and sit down together, if not under vines and fig trees, with no other rivalry than that of civility and good will. In a metaphorical sense, they turn the spear into a pruning hook, and tilt no more. It is common ground, neutral territory; it is like the Olympian games of the old Greeks, to which all the conflicting states came up in amity. It is an occasion on which the gardener enjoys the products of his skill. Over him are flowers of a thousand dyes, before him fruit richer than that which tempted the grasp of Aladdin, or than hung upon the boughs of the Hesperides. The goblet is crowned with that best of all products, to make glad the heart of man, the richest juice of Burgundy. On this occasion it would be unfair to omit to say that the champagne was sparkling, and that it justified the wishes of its friends if not the fears of its enemies.

EXHIBITIONS IN 1941

MECHANICS BUILDING

March 17 – 22
Spring Flower Show

HORTICULTURAL HALL

January 31 and February 1
Camellia Show

May 1 and 2
Daffodil Show

May 22 and 23
Tulip Show

June 6 and 7
Iris Show

June 18 and 19
June Show

August 20 and 21
Gladiolus Show

August 28 and 29
Exhibition of the Products of Children's Gardens

September 6 and 7
Dahlia Show

October 8 – 10
Harvest Show

November 6 – 9
Autumn Show in co-operation with the Chrysanthemum Society of America

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Miss Rose C. Chadbourne
Mr. F. N. Chandler
Mr. James Chynoweth
Mrs. Lowell T. Clapp
Mrs. Charles K. Cobb
Mrs. Norris P. Colby
Mr. I. W. Comey
Miss Caroline Parkman Cordner
Mr. Alfred J. Crane
Mrs. Charles E. Davies
Mrs. Stanley W. Dexter
Miss Florence A. Dunbar
Mrs. Alton D. Edes
Mr. Arioch Wentworth Erickson
Mr. James W. Eustis
Mr. Harold L. Frost
Mrs. Frederick E. Garland
Mrs. J. H. G. Gilbert
Mr. Edwin D. Gurney
Mr. John A. Hay
Mr. Rudolph Henn
Miss Ann Hibbard
Mrs. Bertha M. Higgins
Mrs. Ellis Hollingsworth
Mrs. Mark Hollingsworth
Mrs. Levi Holmes
Mrs. Horace M. Houser
Mrs. Llewellyn Howland
Mr. George I'Anson
Miss Helen L. Jones
Mr. Theodore L. Kelly
Mrs. Albert B. Kimball
Miss Alice Kimball
Hon. Moody Kimball, Esq.
Mr. Henry P. King
Miss Jessie E. Kloseman
Mr. William R. Landers
Mrs. Lester Leland
Mrs. Herman E. Lewis
Mr. Arthur H. Lippincott
Mrs. Homer Loring
Mrs. Emily S. Lovell
Mrs. Edward Marsh
Mr. Albert D. McCarthy
Mr. H. F. McIntire
Mrs. Albert G. Milbank
Mr. John H. Moore
Mrs. Paul B. Morgan
Mr. George T. Morrow
Mr. Wilbur J. Munroe
Mrs. Samuel C. Murfitt
Mrs. Herbert W. Newhall
Mr. William M. Noble
Mrs. Edith E. Peterson
Mrs. Grace M. Pettee
Mrs. Dudley L. Pickman
Miss Jessie M. Plaisted
Mrs. H. H. Powers
Dr. Henry S. Pritchett
Mr. William Reoch
Mrs. Charles A. Ricks
Mr. George P. Riley
Mr. Chester G. Rogers
Mr. William S. Rumrill
Mr. Frank Schenck
Mrs. Helen N. Sears
Miss Elsie L. Shaw

Mr. Louis A. Shaw
Mr. Franklin P. Shumway
Mrs. J. F. Simpson
Mrs. Wilfred J. Slade
Miss Clara G. Soule
Mr. Charles A. Stone
Mrs. Kenneth Taylor
Mrs. Bayard Thayer
Mr. Augustus P. Thompson
Mr. Eben Francis Thompson
Dr. Augustus Thorndike
Miss Alice Adele Todd
Miss Mary A. Walker
Miss Catherine Walsh
Mr. George N. Whipple
Mr. Frank Weston Whitcher
Mr. Harold P. Whitney
Miss C. Amelia Williams
Mr. Horace I. Wilson
Mr. John Woodbury

The Late Mrs. Bayard Thayer

The Society suffered a very heavy loss in April, 1941, in the death of Mrs. Bayard Thayer, who had been a life member since April 13, 1900. Mrs. Thayer was very active in the work of the Society for many years and was elected a trustee in January 1, 1921, being the first woman accorded that honor. She was a member of the Committee on Gardens for seven years, much of the time as chairman. She was a member of the Executive Committee from 1925 to 1929 and again from 1936 to 1940. A member of the Library Committee from 1927 to 1936, Mrs. Thayer took great interest in the Library and did much to improve its standing. She resigned as trustee in May, 1940, because of advanced age, and was immediately made an honorary trustee. Mrs. Thayer was especially active at the time of the Society's Centennial Exhibition in 1929 and presented a silver trophy, which was won by Mrs. Clement S. Houghton and Mrs. E. B. Dane with a rock garden. In 1925 she offered $250 in prizes for the cultivation of wild flowers and in 1929 presented an automatic slide lantern to the Society.

Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission

At the close of its 72nd year of friendly service the Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission—the oldest organization of its kind—is privileged to express its grateful appreciation to the Trustees of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for the headquarters room in the basement of Horticultural Hall and for the continued interest of the secretary, Mr. Farrington.

As never before our organization is meeting a real need during this time of stress and anxiety. Illness, old age and loneliness are pervading factors here and our volunteers have stood by loyally, sharing with us their time, efforts and generous donations, although the year has demanded much of them in service for our friends across the seas.

Seven hundred fifteen hampers, cartons, etc., were received at the Centres during the Summer of 1940 and 24 towns had a 100 per cent record.

Five hundred twenty-one containers of flower arrangement; 13 harvest gift baskets and 1154 "jaunty" bouquets from two garden clubs alone were sent out on Wednesday mornings from headquarters.

Four hundred forty-nine Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter baskets were distributed, including 70 gift baskets judged in competition.

One hundred sixty-two volunteers assisted in trimming, assembling and delivering these holiday baskets.

Spring Flower Show tickets from Mrs. Whitney provided red-letter days for 30 recipients, who otherwise could not have reveled in the beauty of the exhibits. An English woman, who works in a restaurant and whose family is in London, said, "I could only stay three hours and wished I could have stayed all day, it was so lovely. I can go to bed now and think of flowers instead of bombs."

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society provides the opportunity for spreading much cheer.

Emily I. Elliott, *Executive Secretary.*

Flower arrangement class for women living in city apartments, directed by Mrs. Arthur P. Teele.

MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

REPORTS

OF THE

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 5, 1941

A general view of the Autumn Exhibition in Horticultural Hall.

Annual Meeting, 1941

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society was held in Horticultural Hall at 3:00 p.m. on May 5, 1941. Preceding it the secretary gave an illustrated talk about the activities of the Society throughout the previous year. The table of the presiding officer was decorated with several handsome orchid plants from the greenhouses of Mr. Edwin S. Webster. Mr. Webster was in the chair and named as tellers Mr. Edwin F. Steffek, Mr. George Graves, Miss Barbara Campbell, and Miss Faith Freeman. The secretary read the call for the meeting and the minutes of the previous annual meeting and the president gave his annual address. Reports were then presented by the secretary, treasurer, and various committee chairmen.

The President's Address

We are told that no one should presume to predict the future. It is not a matter of prophecy, however, but a matter of logic which makes it clear that this Society is now facing a critical period in its history. This fact is difficult to realize in view of the serenity and reasonable prosperity prevailing at the moment. Yet, no one can doubt that with the coming of taxes which will take up to one-third, if not more, of the average person's income, there will be a marked inclination to reduce all unnecessary expenses. It is true that we have not become involved in actual warfare, and yet, conditions are likely to approximate those which existed some 20 years ago, at which time the Society suspended most of its activities.

In view of these facts, it seems important that we should consider how to chart our course in the months to come. May I say first of all, that we do not recognize any emergency now or in the future which will compel this Society to depart from its great mission, which is to encourage the growing of those things which are pleasant to the eye and nourishing to the body. We can conceive of no situation which shall do away with the necessity of spreading information about such matters and we consider that the work of this organization is quite as necessary as that of those groups devoted to actual defense work. If there is any one thing which demoralizes a people and makes them amenable to suggestions of discouragement and despair, it is the lack of morale. Different meanings are placed on that word, morale, but we regard it as meaning serenity of mind and a certain uplift which gives immunity to suggestions such as those I have mentioned.

That being true, it is imperative that people should be able to turn to some interest which will absorb their attention, at least for a short time, and thus help them to maintain a balanced mental equilibrium. I believe with all my heart that this can be accomplished in no better way than through the medium of gardens, flower shows, and gatherings of garden-minded persons.

We can have no better proof that what I say is realistic, than the example that comes to us from across the water. Recently the following cablegram was received by this Society:

> "The Council and fellows of the Royal Horticultural Society gathered in London for their annual meeting and their first flower show of the season, send affectionate thanks to their fellow gardeners in America for all the sympathy, encouragement, and assistance that they have freely expressed and offered.
>
> (Signed) Aberconway, President."

It seems to me that in this cablegram we have the answer to two questions now being asked about the course we are to follow. The first question is, "Will the Society continue to function in all its departments regardless of what the year ahead may bring?"

The second question is, "Will this Society continue to hold its flower shows and in particular, will it go ahead with plans for the great Spring exhibition next March?"

In view of the fact that the Royal Horticultural Society under stress of constant attack and with bombs falling all about its offices and library, continues to carry on, and in view of the fact that it still holds flower shows under these tragic conditions, there can be but one answer to these questions. The Royal Horticultural Society is carrying on, not with any air of bravado, but in the sincere conviction that it has an important part to play in keeping up the spirits of the British people and in dealing with a situation far beyond any that we can consider as even possible in this country.

Indeed, our problem is not one which comes from a physical attack on the part of an enemy, but from the economic conditions which are certain to result from the imposition of extremely high taxes and a disposition on the part of many people to alter their usual way of life.

I believe, however, that this Society may need to make some changes in the form of its activities. I am asking the secretary and his staff to devise some method by which to get closer to the great body of the Society's membership. I make the suggestion that the

members in different cities and towns be called together for local meetings to be addressed by the secretary or members of our staff and to discuss measures by which to bring the Society to the attention of a larger number of persons. I suggest that these local groups provide lectures or garden clinics or by some other means seek to extend a knowledge of the Society's work among persons to whom it is now unknown. I suggest that a great number of classes, clinics, meetings and lectures be held at Horticultural Hall for those who wish to attend, and that the 14 or 15 different organizations having headquarters in Horticultural Hall be asked to give their assistance along these lines.

I suggest that an even greater co-operation with the garden clubs be kept in mind, as they are a very potent force in any movement of this kind. They should be brought into the picture if possible whenever meetings of local members in the different cities and towns are planned. Then, finally, I suggest that greater attention be given to the dissemination of information about vegetable growing through lectures, classes and the pages of *Horticulture,* as well as by adequate exhibits at the various exhibitions, particularly the Spring Flower Show to be held next March.

All this will have as its aim the maintenance of our membership at, at least, its present level. The loss in membership, which has been going on for the last two or three years, is receiving serious consideration on the part of the Trustees. We feel that this loss must in some way be stopped if the Society is to continue its work on its present broad scale. We know the loss is occasioned to a considerable degree by a feeling on the part of many persons that the money used for a membership should be devoted to war relief.

This, then, is the message which I should like to have all of our members take home to themselves and express to others—that the work which this Society is doing will be just as important in the long run as that of any other organization, no matter what its direct purpose may be. I realize that what I am saying may sound somewhat fanciful and not applicable to conditions as they exist at the moment, but there is no question whatever, as all thoughtful people know, that these conditions will be changed to a startling degree within a few months, or just as soon as the effects of the new taxation policy, by which the Government is to raise three billion dollars, begins to be felt.

Just now the outlook for next year's Spring Show is most encouraging. Private exhibitors and commercial exhibitors are already asking for space. We are planning to hold the show in

Mechanics Building as usual, and we believe that it will be as extensive an exhibition and as largely attended as any which we have held in the past. We are not worried at all about this show because we are sure our citizens will be hungering for such a display as will be seen at that time, no matter what may happen between now and then.

However, we do not want this Society to be merely a show organization. We want it to be active and mobile in all its departments, ready to adapt itself to any needs which may arise and with the whole-hearted backing of the men and women who have contributed to its prosperity in recent years.

I am not attempting in any way today to review the past year's activities of the Society. I shall leave that to the secretary and to committee chairmen. I simply want to leave with you some thoughts about our grand old Society, its usefulness and its future, based on my fairly wide knowledge of economic conditions throughout the country, and of what I, without pretending to be a prophet or the son of a prophet, expect to take place in the days to come.

EDWIN S. WEBSTER, *President.*

Report of the Secretary

Much has been accomplished in the past year by way of broadening the Society's activities and reaching greater numbers of persons interested in some phase of horticulture. The opening of classes in flower arrangement for women living in city apartments has aroused particular interest and has brought favorable comments from many parts of the country, with the prospect that similar undertakings will be inaugurated in other places. The fact has been demonstrated, that a great number of women in city homes, without the benefit of gardens, and dependent upon florists' flowers for decorating their homes, nevertheless have an innate love of plants and are glad of an opportunity to join classes in Horticultural Hall. It seems to be within the bounds of probability that flower arrangement clubs will be organized for apartment house dwellers, thus bringing a new interest to women who live in the cities.

A two-day class in practical gardening for home makers, carried on with the co-operation of the Waltham Field Station and the Arnold Arboretum, was very successful. Various lectures, meetings, and classes sponsored by the organizations having their headquarters in Horticultural Hall have been held throughout the Winter. This year's open house in February was largely attended

and was participated in by most of the organizations meeting here.

Another office has been established on the mezzanine floor and has been taken over by the American Herb Society, the correspondence of which has become exceedingly large because of the work it is doing in disseminating knowledge about the growing of herbs for medicinal purposes. This is a matter of great importance and the American Herb Society has undertaken the task of giving out the true facts in order that people may be deterred from embarking upon a venture which might be certain to fail.

A departure from the custom of previous years which has

Mr. Herbert R. Redden's exhibit at the Harvest Show, 1940.

attracted much attention was inspired by the Committee on Gardens when it recommended to the Trustees that scrolls instead of medals be given to cities, towns, schools, institutions and commercial concerns which have planted their grounds, or any part of them, with particular skill and success.

This new plan was developed by the Committee on Gardens from a suggestion made by Mr. Harold Ross, a member of the committee, and was presented to the Trustees by the committee's chairman, Mr. William Ellery, who later had the satisfaction of presenting one of the scrolls to the Town of Winchester at a largely attended meeting.

A similar scroll was awarded to the City of Boston for its

success in maintaining the Boston Public Garden over a long term of years. It is one of the outstanding gardens of its kind in America. The scroll was presented to Mayor Maurice J. Tobin by Mr. Edwin S. Webster, president of this Society, at a gathering in City Hall. The mayor then handed it to the Commissioner of Parks, Mr. William T. Long, with the suggestion that it be hung on the wall of the department's office.

Other scrolls were awarded to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Department of Public Works for roadside planning and planting on routes No. 9 and No. 10, and another to the City of Everett for the landscaping and planting of the Parlin School.

In the course of the year this Society became a member of the Massachusetts Conservation Council. The Society has maintained weekly broadcasts over station WEEI throughout the year. In the past these broadcasts have been given at 9:00 o'clock on Saturday mornings, but in the future they will be given at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Judging from the letters which have been received, these broadcasts have reached a considerable number of persons, but the Society is glad to have attention called to them in order that the number of listeners may be increased.

Rentals showed a decided upturn in 1940, the total receipts being $4734.71 as against $3880.94 in 1939. This is the largest amount received from rentals since 1935. The high figure was due in part to the fact that the halls were used by the American Legion for its headquarters at the time of its convention. Against this increase in revenue is the falling off of receipts from Mount Auburn Cemetery, which amounted last year to only $935, the lowest amount received for one-half century. It cannot be expected, of course, that large amounts will be derived from this source in the future, inasmuch as few lots are being sold in the older part of the cemetery.

However, the loss which most concerns those directing the Society's activities is the loss of members. The shrinkage is not nearly as heavy as last year, but it has persisted month after month, in spite of all the efforts which have been made to check it. It may be that the suggestions made by the president will be helpful in devising methods in which to start the membership on the uptrend once more.

In spite of the fact that the membership is less, the number of persons coming to the Hall for advice and assistance has constantly increased, so that the members of the staff are busy much of the time answering questions. Every effort is made to give

service along these lines, even though the visitors in many instances are not members of the Society.

The shows have been largely attended and an invitation from the trustees to the Chrysanthemum Society of America to hold its annual show here in November, has been accepted.

This Society has been engaged in active efforts to combat the spread of the Japanese beetle in Massachusetts and to aid in control of the elm leaf beetle. It is issuing a bulletin about the Japanese beetle and its present locations in the state. This bulletin will be given without charge to those who apply for it. Work done through the newspapers last Summer helped to bring about an additional spraying of elm trees in various cities and towns where the elm leaf beetle infestation remained long after the usual date of its departure. All this work was made possible by special contributions.

It has not been easy at times to carry on the Society's work in the past year because of the dust and noise brought about by the work on the subway and the underpass at the corner of Massachusetts and Huntington Avenues. Annoyance from this source was very great last Summer, but has been forgotten now that the subway is in use. It is now possible to reach Horticultural Hall from Park Street in a very few minutes and prominence has been given to the Hall in the Park Street station.

The secretary is grateful to the Trustees and Committees for their kindness and support throughout the year and extends his thanks to the members of his staff for their co-operation and help.

E. I. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AT DECEMBER 31, 1940

ASSETS

Cash in Banks and on Hand		$ 37,552.26
Treasurer: In bank	$ 21,911.65	
In hands of broker	8,041.76	
Bursar: In bank	6,048.15	
On hand	10.00	
Savings bank deposits	1,540.70	
	$ 37,552.26	
Investments—Valued at cost		539,185.06

Capital assets—see note 1			579,736.70
Real estate		$498,564.63	
Improvements and additions to buildings		34,591.60	
Library		46,580.47	
		$579,736.70	
Deferred Charges: Spring show 1941			1,731.27
			$1,158,205.29

Note 1: Depreciation on capital assets has not been provided for.

Liabilities and Capital Funds

Liabilities—Accounts payable			$ 2.60
Sundry Funds			454,752.31
Special uses: Principal	$165,913.73		
Unexpended income	8,995.28		
		$174,909.01	
General uses: Principal		279,843.30	
		$454,752.31	
Donations Special			798.68
Life Membership Fees			22,844.00
Mount Auburn Cemetery Fund			55,053.52
Library Cataloguing Fund			923.32
Capital			564,524.70
Surplus (Capital)			50,209.07
Balance, January 1, 1940		$ 54,905.44	
Deduct: Loss on sales securities		4,696.37	
		$50,209.07	
Surplus (Earned)			9,097.09
Balance, January 1, 1940		$ 5,730.59	
Add:			
Receipt of bond interest due 1939	$ 35.00		
Income over expenditures	6,339.50		
		6,374.50	
		12,105.09	
Deduct:			
Transfer to Show Fund	$ 3,000.00		
Expenses paid on 1937 Plant and Flower Show	8.00		
		3,008.00	
		$ 9,097.09	
			$1,158,205.29

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

Income	*Year Ended December 31, 1940*		*Year Ended December 31, 1939*	
Income from investments and bank interest (less proportion allocated to restricted funds)	$26,543.24		$23,491.10	
Membership fees	19,386.00		17,633.50	
Rentals	4,734.71		3,880.94	
Spring show—1940	24,085.30		.....	
Spring show—1939	.....		16,668.85	
Incidentals	365.05		243.99	
Sundry donations	50.00		60.00	
		$75,164.30		$61,978.38
Add: *Horticulture* income		.....		1,090.99
		$75,164.30		$63,069.37
Expenditures				
Operating Expenses:				
Building expenses	$17,583.52		$19,450.97	
Library expenses	6,535.88		7,295.58	
Office and general expenses	35,764.18		32,392.18	
Misc. exhibition expense	5,689.62		4,993.05	
Autumn show—1940	1,043.59		.....	
Autumn show—1939	.....		1,077.94	
		$66,616.79		$65,209.72
Awards, Lectures, and Miscellaneous:				
Lectures	61.19		.....	
Medals and certificates	714.62		572.60	
Prizes in excess of funds	640.00		248.67	
		1,415.81		821.27
Add: *Horticulture* loss		792.20		.....
		$68,824.80		$66,030.99
Excess of Income Over Expenditures—Transferred to Surplus Earned		$ 6,339.50		$ 2,961.62

INVESTMENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1940

Bonds

		Rate %	*Maturity Date*	*Cost Value*
$15,000	Alabama Power Co.	5	6/1/51	$14,999.73
5,000	Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Co.	4	9/1/52	5,100.00
2,000	American European Securities Co. Series B	5	5/1/58	1,910.00
4,000	Anaconda Copper Mining Co.	4½	10/1/50	3,663.75
15,000	Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co.	4	7/1/52	14,608.11

15,000	Central Pacific Ry. Co. Through Short Line	4	10/1/54	14,943.75
15,000	Columbus Electric and Power Co.	5	11/1/54	14,700.00
15,000	Community Power and Light	5	3/1/57	10,836.44
10,000	Electric Power and Light	5	2/1/2030	8,676.29
11,000	El Paso Electric Co.	5	6/1/50	11,465.17
15,000	Federal Light & Traction Co.	6	3/1/42	15,507.88
15,000	Florida Power & Light Co.	5	1/1/54	12,979.21
10,000	Kentucky Utilities Co.	4½	2/1/55	10,150.00
15,000	Los Angeles Electric Co. Dept. Water and Power	3½	1/15/66	15,450.00
15,000	Louisville & Nashville R. R. Co.	3½	1/1/50	15,150.00
15,000	Louisiana Power & Light	5	12/1/57	15,634.39
15,000	Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.	4	9/1/63	15,102.50
15,000	National Distillers Product Co.	3½	3/1/49	15,746.90
15,000	National Power & Light	6	8/1/2026	16,577.34
6,750	New Orleans Public Service	5	7/1/42	7,107.18
5,000	North American Co.	3½	2/1/49	5,044.62
15,000	Penn-Ohio Edison Co.	6	11/1/50	12,113.91
14,000	Potomac Edison Co.	5	11/1/56	12,222.22
20,000	Puget Sound Power & Light Co.	5½	6/1/49	17,445.00
15,000	Railway & Light Securities Co.	3¼	12/1/55	15,112.50
3,000	Stone & Webster Realty Corp.	5	3/1/47	3,060.00
10,000	Union Pacific R. R. Co.	4	7/1/47	7,952.99
	Total bonds			$313,259.88

Stocks

Shares		
50	American Can Co.	$ 5,650.91
140	American Telephone & Telegraph Co.	21,145.96
100	American Tobacco Co. "B"	10,200.23
200	Buffalo, Niagara and Eastern Power Co. Pfd.	4,150.00
26	Commercial Credit Corp.	16,774.53
150	Commercial Credit Corp. 4¼% Cum. Pfd.	
265 136/600	Electric Bond & Share	13,489.83
2,192	General Electric Co.	
100	First National Bank of Boston	5,025.00
200	Indianapolis Power & Light Co.	4,800.00
20	International Match Realization Co. Ltd. v.t.c.	3,561.25
500	National Power and Light Co. $6 Pfd.	50,750.00
100	Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co. $5 Cum. Pfd.	10,200.00
160	North American Co. $3.00 Pfd.	6,871.50
100	Northern States Power Co. 7% Pfd.	7,548.75
365 2/6	Radio Corporation of America	.....
500	Southern California Edison Co. 5½% Pfd.	13,750.00

422 Tampa Electric Co.	14,657.32
200 Underwood Elliott Fisher	8,017.90
200 United Fruit	12,660.00
100 United Gas Corp. $7 Pfd.	9,922.00
100 U. S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. Pfd.	6,750.00
	$225,925.18

SUMMARY

Bonds	$313,259.88
Stocks	225,925.18
Total	$539,185.06

SUNDRY FUNDS AT DECEMBER 31, 1940

INCOME TO BE USED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

	Total	*Unexpended Income*	*Principal*
Samuel Appleton Fund	$ 1,000.00	$.....	$ 1,000.00
Josiah Bradley Fund	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Albert Cameron Burrage—Library	34,527.81	4,527.81	30,000.00
Albert Cameron Burrage—Show	20,444.00	444.00	20,000.00
Albert Cameron Burrage—Porch Fund	1,566.87	316.87	1,250.00
John C. Chaffin Fund	1,000.89	.89	1,000.00
William N. Craig Fund	2,757.42	257.42	2,500.00
Benjamin B. Davis Fund	500.00	.....	500.00
Jackson Dawson Memorial Fund	3,589.74	362.74	3,227.00
John S. Farlow Fund	2,512.21	12.21	2,500.00
John S. Farlow Fund—Newton Horticultural Society	2,900.42	.....	2,900.42
Benjamin V. French Fund—No. 1	500.00	.....	500.00
Benjamin V. French Fund—No. 2	3,000.00	.....	3,000.00
John Allen French Fund	5,000.61	.61	5,000.00
John D. Williams French Fund	11,876.20	194.32	11,681.88
Henry A. Gane Memorial Fund	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
H. H. Hunnewell Fund—No. 1	863.00	363.00	500.00
H. H. Hunnewell Fund—No. 2	2,148.87	148.87	2,000.00
H. H. Hunnewell Fund—No. 3	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00
Nathaniel T. Kidder Fund	5,250.00	250.00	5,000.00
John A. Lowell Fund	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Theodore Lyman Fund—No. 1	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Theodore Lyman Fund—No. 2	10,000.00	.....	10,000.00
Benjamin H. Pierce Fund	813.09	13.09	800.00
Thomas Roland Fund	3,489.01	489.01	3,000.00
John Lewis Russell Fund	1,491.08	491.08	1,000.00
Show Fund	39,200.00	.....	39,200.00
William J. Walker Fund	2,354.77	.34	2,354.43

Levi Whitcomb Fund	502.50	2.50	500.00
George Robert White Fund	11,119.02	1,119.02	10,000.00
Marshall P. Wilder Fund	1,001.50	1.50	1,000.00
Total	$174,909.01	$8,995.28	$165,913.73

Income to Be Used for General Purposes

Anonymous Funds	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Albert Cameron Burrage Fund	1,200.00	1,200.00
John Chaney Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Helen Collamore Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00
Arthur F. Estabrook Legacy	50,000.00	50,000.00
Ida F. Estabrook Legacy	11,638.76	11,638.76
Caroline S. Freeman Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00
Frances Brown Hayes Bequest	189,904.54	189,904.54
Frances Brown Hayes Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00
Margaret Whitney Legacy	100.00	100.00
Total	$279,843.30	$279,843.30

INCOME AND EXPENSES OF THE SPRING SHOWS IN 1940 AND 1939

Income	*Spring Show, 1940*		*Spring Show, 1939*	
Tickets:				
Regular admissions	$52,396.25		$40,812.90	
Trade tickets	2,595.00		3,060.75	
Students' tickets	5.50		96.50	
Members' tickets	7,394.00		8,001.25	
Garden Club tickets	10,924.10		11,321.65	
		$73,314.85		$63,293.05
Trade space		9,181.67		9,312.87
Restaurant		1,217.27		1,008.24
Flower booth	5,151.73		5,136.07	
Less: Flower booth expense	4,106.25		4,048.76	
		1,045.48		1,087.31
Programs		1,825.51		1,705.51
Check room		317.50		301.05
Supplies sold	463.85		813.65	
Less: Cost of supplies sold	373.38		781.55	
		90.47		32.10
Miscellaneous		4.05		.30
		$86,996.80		$76,740.43

EXPENDITURES				
Carting	$ 164.80		$ 182.50	
Committee expense	35.87		42.50	
Committee fees	315.00		295.00	
Decorating	1,678.00		2,455.93	
Garden Club expenses	1,200.00		7,100.00	
Insurance	231.58		231.58	
Judges' expenses	492.68		1,056.31	
Labor	2,783.08		2,648.66	
Manager's commission and salary	4,926.14		4,104.32	
Manager's expenses	125.53		105.55	
Music	170.00		139.37	
Plant material and forcing	409.20		667.25	
Police	500.00		400.00	
Postage, stationery and supplies	544.99		596.37	
Printing	472.55		414.18	
Prizes, medals, and certificates	22,039.97		16,781.11	
Publicity	9,397.01		8,504.62	
Rentals	8,251.71		8,304.64	
Rubbish removal	250.00		300.00	
Telephone	104.87		115.07	
Wheel chairs—net	11.25		40.10	
Miscellaneous	8,807.27		5,586.52	
		62,911.50		60,071.58
Excess of Income Over Expenditures		$24,085.30		$16,668.85

AUTUMN SHOW, 1940

INCOME		
Tickets		$2,408.90
EXPENSES		
Postage	$ 73.00	
Printing	31.00	
Publicity	330.90	
Supplies	8.20	
Labor	101.50	
Certificates	7.35	
Insurance	35.00	
Incidentals	14.00	
Prize Committee fees	25.00	
Decorating	34.50	
Signs	14.05	
Prizes	2,698.50	
Judges' expense	43.75	
Miscellaneous	35.74	
		3,452.49
Net Loss		$1,043.59

MISCELLANEOUS EXHIBITION EXPENSE

	Year Ended December 31, 1940	*Year Ended December 31, 1939*
Salary	$3,376.30	$3,266.80
Printing	371.50	502.50
Stationery and postage	59.62	13.04
Supplies	397.36	245.53
Advertising	53.50	104.00
Exhibition committee fees	185.00	210.00
Prize committee fees	230.00	120.00
Traveling	236.43	201.86
Judges' expense	54.79	42.55
Decorating and signs	169.64	187.50
Repairs	1.50	34.64
Incidentals	84.65	64.63
Massachusetts State College Exhibition	431.83	.....
Miscellaneous	37.50	.....
Total	$5,689.62	$4,993.05

LIBRARY EXPENSES

	Year Ended December 31, 1940	*Year Ended December 31, 1939*
Salaries	$5,079.08	$5,373.98
Binding and repairs	986.44	1,356.16
Books and periodicals	21.45	2.73
Printing	23.00	59.50
Stationery and postage	66.01	157.16
Supplies	341.30	520.99
Insurance	9.60	9.60
Incidentals	9.00	.75
Repairs	.....	28.50
	$6,535.88	$7,503.91
Less: Income from Nathaniel T. Kidder Fund	.....	208.33
Total	$6,535.88	$7,295.58

OFFICE AND GENERAL EXPENSES

	Year Ended December 31, 1940	*Year Ended December 31, 1939*
Salaries	$22,138.31	$18,712.51
Stationery and postage	2,324.39	2,274.93
Printing	1,428.95	1,483.51

Supplies and equipment	1,250.48	611.71
Telephone and telegraph	821.32	816.43
Traveling	155.94	211.21
Subscriptions of members to *Horticulture*	5,716.50	6,446.19
Incidentals	440.14	352.80
Repairs	63.45	74.99
Photos and slides	444.25	528.55
Publicity	445.20	386.40
Binding	20.79	13.75
Miscellaneous	514.46	479.20
Total	$35,764.18	$32,392.18

BUILDING EXPENSE

	Year Ended December 31, 1940	*Year Ended December 31, 1939*
Labor	$11,030.80	$10,909.30
Supplies	570.16	342.65
Heating	1,379.13	1,424.09
Lighting	1,667.43	1,612.34
Repairs and upkeep	1,313.52	2,486.20
Insurance	1,064.48	1,793.69
Incidentals	558.00	882.70
Total	$17,583.52	$19,450.97

"HORTICULTURE"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	Year Ended December 31, 1940		*Year Ended December 31, 1939*	
INCOME				
Advertising	$21,638.06		$25,251.10	
Subscriptions	27,630.78		26,345.60	
Books	5,758.30		2,849.02	
Advertising "Gardening in New England"	4,128.33		4,998.08	
Royalties and commissions	792.83		1,358.65	
Miscellaneous	352.26		283.69	
		$60,300.56		$61,086.14
EXPENSES				
Printing	$22,704.91		$22,954.56	
Paper	11,610.71		10,335.66	
Cuts	2,815.26		3,005.00	
Wrappers	515.23		396.42	
Postage	4,959.11		4,777.97	

Books	2,549.64		1,844.06	
Gardening in New England	3,274.89		3,373.61	
Commissions and discounts	4,846.55		4,409.42	
Contributors	1,392.92		1,756.26	
Salaries	4,084.52		4,091.02	
Miscellaneous	2,339.02		3,051.17	
		61,092.76		59,995.15
Net Loss		$ 792.20		
Net Income				$ 1,090.99

Note 2: The financial records of *Horticulture* are kept on a cash receipts and payments basis. The amounts due from advertisers and others, and the indebtedness for paper, printing, etc., are not reflected in the above statement.

Report of the Library Committee

Last year this Committee reported increased activity for its department, in spite of falling membership. We are glad to report that this rising tide has continued; 5,346 books were loaned, an increase of 259 over last year and the largest circulation since 1935.

A survey last Fall brought out a few interesting comparisons of membership and active library patronage: for example, about one-eighth of the membership borrow books. Massachusetts has 800 borrowers, the largest number, and about one-eighth of the state membership. The other five New England states together have 106 borrowers, about one-fifth of the collective membership. The following states have a 100 per cent record for borrowers: Alabama, Arizona, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The book collection was increased by 536 volumes, giving 26,913 bound volumes now on our shelves. Several of these additions were of more than common importance, especially Elwes' and Henry's "Trees of Great Britain and Ireland," on which we bid at a Red Cross benefit sale held in London by the Royal Horticultural Society.

The activity of the Library has been centered for much of the past year on the reclassifying and recataloguing. In spite of a long interruption during the Winter, enough has been done to prove that the project will be worth its cost in time, money and effort. Now the work is going forward again at a good pace. In January a sale of duplicate books brought in $28.50 to swell the cataloguing fund.

The garden clubs have a standing invitation to hold meetings in the Library. Four clubs accepted during the past year, and one

of the Library staff gave a book talk at the last meeting of the central group of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. We enjoy the visits of such groups and we hope to have more of them.

In the Fall, after *Horticulture* has announced the prize winners in the garden club year book contest, the whole collection is always put on display in the reading room. Later, small collections are made up for loan. They are eagerly received by the officers of horticultural societies and garden centers and individual clubs. Last Winter's collections are still traveling, and have been requested in eight states from Maine to Nebraska, Texas and Georgia. One appreciative officer wrote: "We have had many persons in to see them—I should say more than a hundred presidents and others who came just to study the books. Among the number were several men."

The work of the Library is not limited to our own members, but reaches out to the community in various ways. For example, students from the Boston School of Occupational Therapy came for an assigned study hour not long ago. There is constant interchange with neighboring libraries and institutions as need arises on either side. This year, at the request of the instructor, our Librarian gave the Freshman class in horticulture at Lowthorpe School two talks on gardening books and the use of the Library.

As a contact with the outside world, it may not be out of place to speak of the Society's booth at the Spring Flower Show, since responsibility for it seems to have fallen largely into the hands of the Library staff. In this booth are centered the information service of the Show itself, and the official point of contact for the Society with its visitors and members. Questions, comments and problems of all kinds are brought there, and they offer an unrivalled chance to demonstrate our many services and to win friends and members for the Society. During the past few years the staff has made a special effort to capitalize this opening by making the booth attractive, by taking to the Show a good working collection of books, and by having well-informed consultants always at hand. It is gratifying to report that results show in growing activity and larger returns.

For several Summers the Library and offices have enjoyed weekly bouquets of fresh flowers, often new or unusual varieties of special cultural interest. We are indebted for them to one of our members, Mr. Kenneth Houghton of Dedham. I should like to thank Mr. Houghton most cordially for the pleasure he has given to the staff and visitors.

C. K. CUMMINGS, *Chairman.*

Report of the Committee on Exhibitions

The Committee on Exhibitions has held 14 meetings since May, 1940, and one of these was with the Committee on Prizes. Coordinating the activities of the two committees before shows has proved to be a very necessary practice, diminishing post-exhibition difficulties to the vanishing point by creating clearer understandings among exhibitors, judges, and the show management.

The exhibitions at Horticultural Hall have been well attended. All have been characterized by material of an unusually high grade. Those who contend that fruits, vegetables and flowers have advanced little in appearance or quality during the past decade

Harvest Show in 1940. Exhibit by Dr. Thomas Barbour.

must concede that each year marks a distinct improvement in the manner of showing them, at least.

At all our shows, the attitude of judges toward violations of the rule book has become more severe. The requirements governing exhibits have received hours of study on the part of the committee and are clearly set forth. A yearly revision is made. There is no excuse for deviating from the rules, and the exhibitor who does so causes difficulty for the judges and sorrow for himself. Of course, there are always instances of where definitions are futile and limitations are ludicrous. How big is a begonia? What are the out-sizes among Seckle pears? Where is the line between

merit and demerit when a group or arrangement allows a large score for "variety" and imposes a severe penalty for "crowding." Such cases depend largely on the good sense of the exhibitor and the wisdom and fairness of the judges. But in all relations between exhibitors and judges goodwill can be maintained only by a careful study of the rule book before the show is set up, and before the awards are made.

In seriously reviewing and revising the rule book each year our committee is convinced that certain difficulties of the Committee on Prizes are definitely avoided. We recommend that the members of the society read the rule book previous to each show. Noth-

Cornucopia exhibit of the Massachusetts State College at the Harvest Show in 1940.

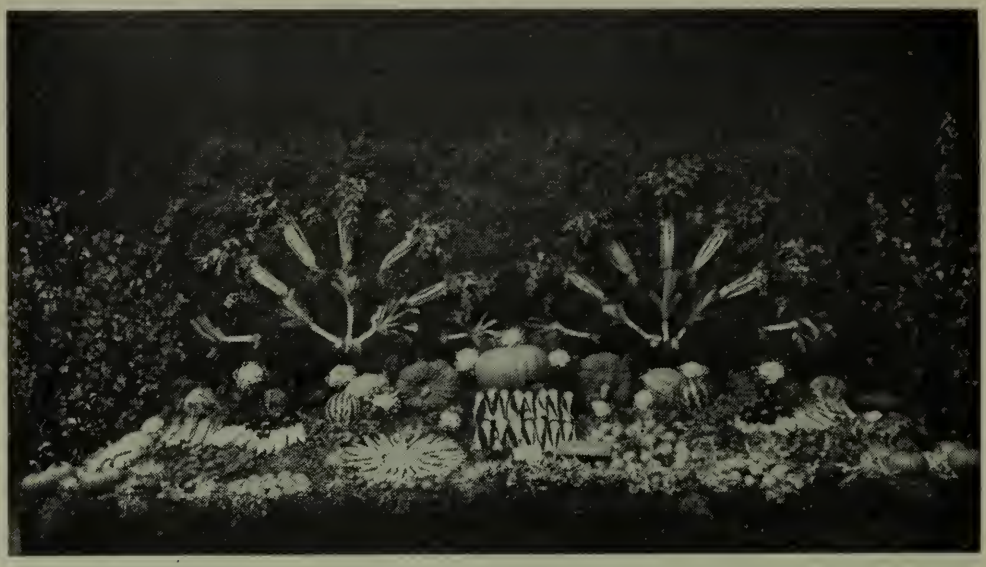
ing can give better preparation, or a greater appreciation for the show than this.

In my estimation, the finest show at Horticultural Hall is in October, when the bounties of nature are at their best,—the time when we gather and garner the harvest. Henceforth, this show is to be known as the Harvest Show.

Each year, hundreds of youngsters strive for a place in the Exhibition of the Products of Children's Gardens in August. We must mention this project specifically, not only because it results in much actual good to the young gardeners but because here is our source of trained exhibitors for other shows in the future. We commend Miss Marian Case and her committee for what they have accomplished in this direction.

Little need be said of the Spring Show. An attendance of 108,000 persons attested the excellence of this exhibition. This was the largest gate since the centennial exhibition in 1929. The movement of the crowd was greatly facilitated by the wide passageways. The winding design of these walks, an innovation of 1940, resulted in a much improved effect throughout. There is no point in eulogizing the finest pieces of this show nor reviewing the mistakes, except in committee. This we have already done, and we shall make to the in-coming committee certain suggestions.

Let us continue to improve the labeling. Much of the educational value is lost when labels are illegible or lacking altogether.



Harvest Show in 1940. Exhibit by J. F. Cummings.

Yet, they must not dominate the scene like tombstones in a cemetery.

Instead of spreading any one motif beyond the limits of necessity or propriety, as we did this year, let us define the limits rigidly and use the resulting space for something different. In the Spring Show, particularly, duplication must be guarded against. The public wants variety.

A feature of the March show was a "cook-out." Fireplace, table, seats and environment were pleasingly balanced. Although one of the smaller units, this ranked high in popularity. Any demonstration of garden utility at a show will create an unfailing response on the part of the visitors. The front porch is out of date. People now live in the backyard in Summer. Let us have more exhibits showing the uses of the garden barbecues, children's play-

yards, tea-gardens, and any other plans which make for the fullest enjoyment of the home grounds.

In addition to the eager and enthusiastic support of the governing board of the Society, we have had much help from the membership. But we need more. The reaction of the lay members is an important guide, and when this feeling is given free expression, the committee cannot go far astray. So, give to the president, the secretary, the show manager, or to a member of the committee, any ideas that occur to you for improvement. Because this is your Society, and these are your exhibitions, you should take your place and do you part in every way you can.

RAY M. KOON, *Chairman.*

Gourd exhibit in the Harvest Show, 1940, by Mrs. Edward M. Stuart.

Report of the Committee on Prizes

Your Committee on Prizes, in the past year, has worked on ten exhibitions, at which the total number of judges was 121, about the same as in previous years.

Thirty-one gold, 33 silver and 12 bronze medals were awarded. I still feel that we give out too many gold medals, even though there were five less than last year. Yet we have found it a difficult task to keep down the number.

As a whole, we have had few protests on the awards—perhaps fewer than usual. I would like to see protests practically elimi-

nated. An exhibitor by showing is asking the opinion of the judges. When he gets that opinion, and then protests because he does not agree with the judges, he is not showing good sportsmanship.

In dog shows, with which I have had to do for a good many years, if an exhibitor wishes to make a protest, he must submit it in writing at the office and make a deposit of ten dollars. If his protest is sustained, his deposit is returned; but if it is not sustained, he forfeits the money. The consequence is that one rarely

Harvest Show, 1940. The exhibit of Mr. L. G. Bruggemann.

hears of a protest at the 500-odd dog shows held throughout the country during the year.

This plan may be a trifle drastic for horticultural exhibits, and a five dollar deposit might be better than one of ten dollars, but I think some plan might be worked out along these lines to make exhibitors realize that the opinion of an honest judge should be final.

In conclusion, any helpful suggestions or criticisms that any of you would care to submit to me in writing, will be gratefully received.

W. P. Wolcott, *Chairman.*

At the close of the meeting Miss Marian Roby Case, chairman of the Exhibition of the Products of Children's Gardens, gave an

informal report, saying that she was being relieved of the chairmanship of the committee at her request. She gave a brief review of some of her activities in connection with the Society's work, especially with the purchase of the magazine, *Horticulture,* by the Society at the time the present secretary took office. Miss Case was the second woman to be made a member of the Board of Trustees, her election coming shortly after that of the late Mrs. Bayard Thayer.

The Result of the Balloting

At 6 p.m. the polls were closed, 52 votes having been cast, and the following were declared elected:

President: Mr. Edwin S. Webster
Vice-President: Mr. Charles K. Cummings
Trustees: Mr. Aubrey Butler
Mr. S. J. Goddard
Dr. E. D. Merrill
Mr. Harold S. Ross
Mr. Robert Stone
Mr. William P. Wolcott

Massachusetts Horticultural Society

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

1925 Rudolph D. Anstead, Bournemouth, England.

1889 Dr. L. H. Bailey, Ithaca, New York.

1925 F. R. S. Balfour, F.L.S., Dawyck, Stobo, Tweeddale, Scotland.

1911 W. J. Bean, 2, Mortlake Road, Kew, England.

1918 Désiré Bois, Paris, France.

1925 I. H. Burkill, F.L.S., "Clova," Fetcham Park, Leatherhead, Surrey, England.

1921 Fred J. Chittenden, Royal Horticultural Society, Vincent Square, Westminster, London, England.

1925 Woon Young Chun, Sun Yat Sen University, Canton, China.

1925 G. W. Darnell-Smith, Director of the Sydney Botanic Gardens, Sydney, New South Wales.

1925 Henry F. duPont, Winterthur, Delaware.

1925 Pierre S. duPont, Wilmington, Delaware.

1925 Charles C. Eley, M.A., F.L.S., Suffolk, England.

1925 G. Fraser, Ucuelet, Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

1925 W. G. Freeman, B.S.C., F.L.S., Imperial Institute, South Kensington, London S.W.7, England.

1918 Professor N. E. Hansen, Brookings, South Dakota.

1911 Professor U. P. Hedrick, Geneva, New York.

1925 Sir Arthur W. Hill, K.C.M.G., F.R.S., F.L.S., Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey, England.

1925 Professor H. H. Hu, Fan Memorial Institute of Biology, Peking, China.

1925 Mrs. C. L. Hutchinson, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

1925 Charles W. Knight, Oakdale, New York.

1921 C. E. Lane-Poole, Canberra, Australia.

1925 C. C. Laney, Rochester, N. Y.

1911 M. Émile Lemoine, Nancy, France.

1925 Sir J. S. Maxwell, Bart, K.T., Pollok House, near Glasgow, Scotland.

1918 J. Horace McFarland, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

1925 John McLaren, San Francisco, California.

1925 Mrs. William Mercer, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

1925 Dr. Kingo Miyabe, Imperial University, Sapparo, Japan.

1898 Sir Frederick W. Moore, F.L.S., Willbrook House, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

1918 Dr. George T. Moore, Botanical Gardens, St. Louis, Missouri.

1925 F. Cleveland Morgan, Montreal, Canada.

1925 M. L. Pardé, Nogent-sur-Vernisson (Loiret), France.

1925 I. B. Pole-Evans, C.M.G., Chief of Division and Director, Botanical Survey, Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa.

1906 Lt.-Col. Sir David Prain, C.M.G., F.R.S., F.L.S., Warlingham, Surrey, England.

1925 Miss Isabella Preston, Ottawa, Canada.

1925 Johannes Rafn, Skovfrokontoret, Copenhagen, Denmark.

1906 Dr. Henry N. Ridley, C.M.G., F.R.S., F.L.S., M.A., Kew, Surrey, England.

1925 Camillo Schneider, c/o Gartenschonheit, Berlin-Westend, Germany.

1925 F. L. Skinner, Dropmore, Manitoba.

1925 Sir William Wright Smith, F.L.S., Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, Scotland.

1893 Professor William Trelease, Urbana, Illinois.

1918 F. Gomer Waterer, Knaphill, Surrey, England.

1925 Cyril T. White, Government Botanist, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

1921 Gurney Wilson, Secretary Royal Horticultural Society Orchid Committee, Vincent Square, London S.W.1, England.

1925 John C. Wister, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

1925 Major A. C. T. Woodward, Bewdley, Worcestershire, England.

Bequests to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society

It is hoped by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society that it will not be forgotten by members who find it expedient to make their wills. This Society's financial condition is sound and its investments are good, but the income from many of its investments has declined because of decreased returns from its bond holdings. Expenses have naturally increased with the constantly growing membership, and more money is needed to extend the activities of the Society beyond its present limits.

The following form of bequest is suggested:

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society located in Boston, Massachusetts, the sum of.....
.....to be used as the Board of Trustees may direct for the promotion of horticulture in its various forms and for extending the activities of the Society along educational lines.

Signed.....

Date Due

MAR 1 1945